

June 8, 2016

Dear New Schools Interested in Participating in the Private School Choice Programs in 2017-18:

If a private school has been in continuous operation for less than 12 consecutive months or provides education to fewer than 40 pupils divided into 2 or fewer grades, the school must be preaccredited by one of the below listed preaccrediting entities by **December 15, 2016** to be considered for participation in the Private School Choice Programs (PSCP) in the 2017-18 school year (unless the school is already fully accredited by an allowable entity). Wis. Stat. §§ 118.60(1)(cm) and 119.23(1)(ap) define preaccrediting entities as the Wisconsin North Central Association, the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, the Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools, Christian Schools International, Association of Christian Schools International, and the archdiocese or diocese within which the private school is located.

If a new private school interested in participating in the PSCP in the 2017-18 school year fails to obtain preaccreditation by an allowable preaccrediting entity by December 15, 2016, the new school will not be eligible to participate in the PSCP in the 2017-18 school year.

Please note that there are additional accreditation requirements that all schools that participate in the PSCP must meet. More information on these additional requirements will be provided during training.

Below is the list of preaccrediting entities listed under state law and their contact information. Please contact organizations directly with questions about their preaccrediting process.

Independent Schools Association of the Central States

55 West Wacker Drive, Suite 701
Chicago, IL 60601
312-750-1190
www.isacs.org

National Lutheran School Accreditation

LCMS School Ministry
1333 S. Kirkwood Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63122
1-800-248-1930 ext 1294
www.lcms.org/schoolministry

Diocese or Archdiocese within which School is located

Listing of all Dioceses:
<http://www.usccb.org/about/bishops-and-dioceses/all-dioceses.cfm>

Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools

1840 Bond Street
Green Bay, WI 54303
920-499-5561
www.wacschools.org

Wisconsin North Central Association

1515 Burnt Boat Drive, Suite C #344
Bismarck, ND 58503
1-888-413-3669 ext. 5754 (Regional Office)
www.advanc-ed.org

Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation

P.O. Box 685
Muskego, WI 53150
262-895-3679
www.wrisa.net

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation

N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive
Waukesha, WI 53188
414-256-3221
www.wels.net

Assn of Christian Schools International

4081 N. Perryville Road
Loves Park, IL 61111
815-282-7070
www.acsi.org

Christian Schools International

3350 East Paris Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512
800-635-8288
www.csionline.org

If you have any questions, please e-mail PrivateSchoolChoice@dpi.wi.gov or call toll free 1-888-245-2732 ext. 3.